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EXCISE

Staff meeting.

I talked to Reed Harris about Dr. Compton's desire to appeal from the Budget Bureau figure of $115,000,000 for IIA. Dr. Compton had wired Harris from Rome asking for an additional $10,000,000. After discussion with the interested people here, I rejected the request for an appeal.

Bob Lovett telephoned me that he had spoken to Oscar Chapman about the oil cartel matter, and Oscar was preparing a report on it for the President.

Messrs. Byroade, Nitze, Perkins and myself met to consider the release to the press of a statement on the problem of Iranian oil.

[redacted] it looks as if we should make a statement that we would neither encourage nor discourage the contemplated sales of Iranian oil. The buyers would have to take the risks of British Government legal procedures against them. We would point out in the release that the main question will not be settled by any such sales.

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Gaston Tessier, the President of the French Christian Trade Unions Association, came to lunch with me here. He is a fine old man and I have always been fond of him.

Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss called this afternoon to advance sensible ideas about what she and some of her contemporaries whose husbands were in the Foreign Service thought should be done about strengthening its morale, et cetera.

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Messrs. Haridan Pratt, Alexander, Barringer, Phillips, Barnard and Harris had a meeting with me on Soviet jamming devices and operations.

Messrs. Perkins, Matthews, Nitze, Riddleberger, Linder and Battle met with me to go over Miriam Camp's proposed telegram to our interested missions outlining policy in regard to integration movements in Europe. After some changes, we approved it and decided to try to obtain clearance for it from DMS and Defense.

Later Messrs. Linder, Loy Henderson, Bonbright, Nitze and myself discussed the contents of a draft telegram [redacted] Henderson might send to Mossadegh. The question of compensation is a [redacted] difficult one to deal with, since Mossadegh does not wish to take into account the future earnings criterion.

We had a dinner tonight for Lytle and Helen Hull. Mary Beale, Bill Tyler, and Helen Kirkpatrick were also there.

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